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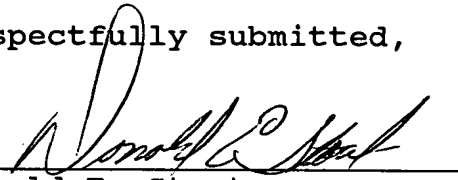
Sir:

This Supplemental Prior Art Statement is submitted to cite United States Patent 3,428,158 in the official record of the file pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609(4)(c)(2). A PTO Form 1449 is attached hereto citing the aforementioned Brown patent along with a copy of Brown.

Brown discloses a system for uniformly setting the pressure of embossing a plate of a given thickness. The spring will be compressed when pressures of embossing exceed the preload on the spring such as when the card of a greater thickness is embossed than that which the embosser was set to emboss. The Brown patent is relevant to the subject matter of dependent claim 30.

The Brown patent was discovered recently by the undersigned during a review of embosser patents for the assignee, National Business Systems. The undersigned was in the process of reviewing the Brown patent for including it in an Information Statement to the United States Patent and Trademark Office when the January 13, 1987 Notice of Allowance was received.

Respectfully submitted,

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